

### **The Specification**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

According to one embodiment, a self-ligating lingual orthodontic bracket ~~is provided.~~  
~~A base is adapted for coupling to a lingual surface of a tooth in a person's arch. First and~~  
~~second flanges extend from the base to define a wire slot adapted to receive an orthodontic~~  
~~wire inserted into the wire slot. A flexible retaining clip is adapted to move generally~~  
~~vertically toward and away from the occlusal plane within a clip slot formed through the~~  
~~bracket. The retaining includes a base, flanges extending from the base to define a slot, and a~~  
~~clip. The clip is adapted to apply~~ applies ~~a resilient force to an object positioned between the~~  
~~first and third portions, which is used to secure the orthodontic wire within the wire slot in a~~  
~~self-ligating manner. The retaining clip is adapted to be urged generally vertically toward the~~  
~~occlusal plane from a closed position to an open position to expose the wire slot to receive~~  
~~the orthodontic wire, the retaining clip being biased against the second flange when the~~  
~~retaining clip is in the open position due to the applied resilient force. The retaining clip is~~  
~~also adapted to be urged generally vertically away from the occlusal plane from the open~~  
~~position to the closed position to secure the orthodontic wire within the wire slot, the~~  
~~retaining clip being biased against the orthodontic wire when the retaining clip is in the~~  
~~closed position and the orthodontic wire is secured within the wire slot due to the applied~~  
~~resilient force.~~